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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 161632 ACTION MANILA INFO MOSCOW
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SUBJECT: SINO-SOVIET-VIETNAMESE CONNECTION

REFERENCE: MANILA 9615

FOR THE AMBASSADOR

1. CIA HAS SENT YOU FOUR PAPERS (ONE TELEGRAPHICALLY AND THREE BY POUCH) ON THE SINO-SOVIET BORDER SITUATION WHICH HAVE BEEN CLEARED IN THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY AND WHICH CAN BE PASSED TO THE FILIPINOS IN RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT MARCOS' INQUIRY.

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2. IN REGARD TO THE SPECIFIC POINT MARCOS RAISED (REFTEL), INR AND THE AGENCY BELIEVE THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS ON INCREASED CHINESE MOVEMENTS ON THE SOVIET BORDER ARE PROBABLY DISINFORMATION. RELATIONS ACROSS THE BORDER ARE AS COLD AS THEY EVER HAVE BEEN, BUT THERE IS NO INDICATION THE CHINESE ARE DOING ANYTHING OTHER THAN ORDINARY MILITARY PATROLING AND MANUEVERS DESIGNED TO INCREASE THEIR READI-

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NESS. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THE CHINESE ARE TRYING TO INCREASE TENSIONS ON THE BORDER IN THE NORTH IN THE CONTEXT

OF RELATIONS WITH VIETNAM, OR OTHERWISE. THE STIFF CHINESE PROTESTS IN APRIL OVER A BORDER CROSSING INCIDENT BY SOVIET TROOPS WERE INTENDED TO PLAY UP SOVIET HOSTILITY. ON THEIR SIDE, THE SOVIETS, IN SUPPORT OF VIETNAM, ARE NOW MAKING ADDITIONAL PROPAGANDA EFFORTS AGAINST CHINA. THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR MAY BE PLAYING UP CHINA'S ALLEGED BELLI-COSITY TOWARD THE USSR PARTLY FOR THAT SPECIFIC PURPOSE, AS WELL AS TO FAN GENERAL FILIPINO SUSPICIONS OF THE CHINESE. VANCE UNQUOTE VANCE

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